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NOTE FOR: Mr. Duckett

1. You may recall that on 5 October I met with the ORD and NPIC Project Officers and asked them to get together and "walk " through their FY 68 programs to try out the procedures proposed for FY 70 planning.

2. This has not happened. I do believe the problem rests basically with the strap-hanging contingent. Finance, Budget, etc., guys in both NPIC and ORD appear to be reluctant to have these engineering types get together on their own. I was appalled at the number of people at the initial meeting at NPIC.

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3. [] and I will continue to nudge this along, --- and probably try to nudge out the strap-hangers. Perhaps some deliberate steps should be taken to retrain some of these people into areas of more usefulness -- perhaps computer programming. They are indeed victims of technological unemployment since the computer really can do a better job of doing the bookkeeping. Their intrusion where they have little or nothing to contribute no doubt represents good intentions on their part, but some positive management action would no doubt be welcomed.

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